

# Arlington Dental Bowling Team

*Week 28 Newsletter*

*Match Date: Friday March 14, 2008*

## *My Groin Hurts!!*

### The Headline

It's actually quite comical when two friends, who happen to be the high average bowlers on the team, are suffering from the same type of pain on the same night for similar reasons...but neither one was aware of the other. Unfortunately Lee and I pushed a little too much working out. I'd say blame it on the upcoming softball season, because that's what we are both preparing for. That's quite strange when you think about it. For sure it was not a good sign of things to come.

On the alleys it was a struggle as we were both pretty tentative most of the night. The end result was not good as we both bowled over 50 pins under our average. YIKES!! For me it was the worst night I've had since the very first night of the season back on September 7<sup>th</sup>! And it was Lee's worst night since November 9<sup>th</sup>. Lee actually broke a pretty impressive hot streak of 10 consecutive 600 series or higher, averaging 213.7. Sorry boys...but what can you do. It SUCKS getting old.

### Observations

We bowled against Trojans, who I think are one of the genuinely nicest teams in the league. Although I could be biased being the father and son combination on their team share the same last name as me, and our ancestors both come from Sicily. I guess we can be related, but don't even know it. What's that movie and saying? "Six Degrees of Separation"

It probably wasn't the best night to have the video running. It sure didn't show off much. I am tempted to bring it back and take some hand held shots. We can actually post them on BowlSpace, if I can ever figure out how to upload videos. Plus, it's more to watch when we get together again.

Bruce Wintersteen decided to show up even though there was one other lefty on the other team. I guess that's not as bad as three from the week before. His average sits at 219. I hope they face teams with lefties every week. I'm just curious to see how he does. Nothing against the guy, but he just does not seem like a 219 bowler to me.

Question. Were we all distracted by the cute girl from the other league that was bowling next to us? If so, I don't care!! Ha ha! We sure didn't get inspired!

Speaking of the other league... What's up with that!? I think they are down to ten people in the entire league! That's nuts! Hey maybe they will bring in a women's league to replace it. That would certainly be a welcomed change!

Some asshole would rather watch the Bulls than NCAA Basketball tournament games. Ask Lee how he feels about that.

Reed continued to show how nice of a guy he is by dropping off a couple of extra beers. If Ted knew about it he'd probably kick Reed off the team. He probably shit his pants when he saw him come over. Nice move by whomever complimented Reed. I think that was Bill.

Brad stopped by with his little guy and mom. It was nice to see him. He is missed. I think we need to definitely put in for 8 man teams next year so we can keep both Brad and Brian. This way no one will have to bowl 11 straight weeks again.

John Johanssen came over after they were done and babbled about something. I guess Chris offered him one of the extra beers that Reed brought over. Chris then asked me about them. I said drink whatever one you want except for the one that's started because that's mine. So, guess which one did he drink? Yep. The one that I started! Unbelievable! Watch him come back next week and say his groin hurts! Aahahahahahaha! Now that's funny!

### Tidbits

I am actually going to track the amount of 10 pins (and 7 pins for Brian) that we get for the rest of the year, because it is certainly getting beyond ridiculous. I agree with Lee, that on certain hits you deserve a 10 pin, and we can count those too. But man, the solid and ringing tens that we have been leaving are pretty nuts! I'm also going to track solid single pins left, like the 7, 8 and 9. This way we can complain just as much as L&O!

We forgot all about the jukebox! We had that available to us for the first time in a long time, but we never played one song. How did that happen?

The question came up about how many times we bowled on lanes 13 and 14. Well, yours truly just happens to have that information for you. That was actually the fifth time this year we bowled there. That to me is shocking. Here are the dates and opponents: 9/14/07 vs. Done In The Third (the infamous broken leg night); 10/19/07 vs. SAFX; 1/25/05 vs. Mixed Nuts; 3/14/08 vs. Trojans.

For second week in a row Chris fired a ball directly into the gutter on a spare shot! I think he dropped this one. I am still waiting for the ball to ricochet out and go on to the next lane.

The Mystery Pot was finally won at \$790. At least we got a free beer out of it. Which guy was that? Was that Mick Rothblot? I have no idea.

John Cimino showed his true Sicilian stubbornness by bowling the first two games with pneumonia. Can't say that I don't understand that kind of thinking!

### The Business of Bowling

Once again we managed to take two points.

Game one we rolled a 981 with handicap and lost by 81 pins. It's hard to win when we only bowl one game over average.

Game two by some minor miracle we won! I still have NO idea how that happened. I swear we were down by over 50 pins in the ninth frame! We rolled a 1020 and won by 19 pins. Believe it or not, there was only one game over average and another one at average. I guess that's why it seemed like a miracle!

Game three we shot a 982 and lost by 62. In this game, there were no games over average.

Games that were over average:

Mark: Game one; 182 (+11)

Chris: Game two; 177 (+15)

Yep.... That's IT!!! There were only two games over average all night! It's just been one of those years! What can you do?

## *The BowlSpace High-Five Award*

Mick Rothblot of Trojans shot a 640 with a 216, 224 & 200. He gets the award this week!

## Interesting Statistic of the Week

Our record on lanes 13 and 14 is pretty typical of how our year has gone: 16 & 19.

Here are our records on every pair of lanes. I will have to revisit this because there are a few more weeks left, but this is pretty interesting.

Lanes 1 & 2:	14 – 14
Lanes 3 & 4:	3 – 18
Lanes 5 & 6:	15 – 13
<b>Lanes 7 &amp; 8:</b>	<b>23 – 12</b>
Lanes 9 & 10:	14 – 14
Lanes 11 & 12:	6 – 15
Lanes 13 & 14:	16 – 19

## Standings

If things stay the way they are we could bowl L&O on position night next week! Now that would SUCK!

Instead of looking at the top of the leader board, let's go from the bottom up. In last place with 12 points is Legion. L&O is next with 18. Then we are tied with Team 11 (Glueckert) with 19. Right above us is WTFC with 21. Then comes Done In The Third (who we bowl this week) and Mixed Nuts who are tied with 23.

So, do we tank to stay at the bottom? Or, do we try to play the role of spoiler putting some distance between L&O and us? Quite honestly, at this point bowling the last week of the season on lanes 13 & 14 and having a blast sounds kind of enticing.

Oh, who is leading the league? That would be Lucky Strikes with 39 points. SAFX is 8 points behind with 31.

Our total points sit at 91, which is now in the bottom third somewhere.

## *The FUN Stuff*

### A Little Gas

*Lee had a little gas problem early in the night and proceeded to let a few rip.*

**Bill:** The motto is Shut Up and Bowl not Shit Up and Bowl!

**Lee:** Or Drop Ass and Bowl.

**Bill:** Unbelievable!

**Lee:** No wait, it's safe. I forgot my shit don't stink!

### In Honor of Art

*In Art's absence, Mark tried to fill in with a joke. Here is the punch line.*

**Mark:** There's only two things I'm afraid of: Obama, Osama and yo Momma!

### Now That's Slow

*A comparison to Chris' ball speed and the cute girl bowling next to us.*

**Chris:** I actually think I throw slower than that girl.  
**Pete:** There's no doubt about that.  
**Chris:** Wow... I really do.  
**Pete:** Believe me that's not a good sign.

*Just for the record...she out bowled Chris too. She rolled a 178 and 155. Chris shot a 144, 177 and 147. Last year he was in jeopardy of losing his slot to an 11 year old. This year it's a cute girl.*

### Bathroom Talk

*I bumped into Scott Johanssen in the bathroom*

**Pete:** Hey Scott. What's up?  
**Scott:** This game blows!!

### Reed scores some points

*After Reed brought over the beers.*

**Bill:** I'm telling you, he's a real good guy.  
**Lee:** Charlie's a good guy too.  
**Chris:** Next year can we have Reed instead of Brad?

### Guess Who We Bowl Next Week

*Don from Glueckert (Team 11) stopped by to say hello to Lee and I at the end of the night.*

**Pete:** We bowl you guys next week on lanes one and two.  
**Don:** No we don't.  
**Lee:** Yeah, I think so.  
**Don:** No. We bowl a team called Arlington Dental.  
**Pete:** That would be us.  
**Don:** Really?

### "Bill's Line of the week"

*Chris' mom showed up with Brad and Landen to say hello. Chris proceeded to miss a spare*

**Chris' Mom:** You choked!

*And that's Bill's Line of the week!*

### Lineups:

**March 21: vs. Team 11, lanes 1 & 2**

Mark, Pete, Art, Brian, Bill

OFF: Lee, Chris

**March 28: vs. Done In The Third, lanes 5 & 6**

Mark, Lee, Bill, Brian, Chris

OFF: Art, Pete

**April 4: Position Week**

Mark, Pete, Art, Bill, Chris

OFF: Lee, Brian

**April 11: Playoffs**

Mark, Lee, Pete TBD

Art gets right of first refusal, and we will go from there

**April 18: Championship Week**

Mark, Lee, Pete TBD

Art gets right of first refusal, and we will go from there

